

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, LAKESIDE COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**  
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**\*\*\* Draft Regular Meeting Minutes \*\*\***

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2018, 6:30PM**

**Meeting Location:** Lakeside Community Center, 9841 Vine Street, Lakeside, California

*The Lakeside Community Planning Group is an elected body that acts in an advisory capacity to the Department of Planning & Development Services (PDS), the Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors and other County departments. The Planning Group's recommendations are advisory only and are not binding on the County of San Diego.*

**OPEN HOUSE (6:00 – 6:30pm)** The Lakeside Community Planning Group provided public viewing of available project plans received by the Chair for current and upcoming projects. Available plans will be on display for 30 minutes prior to regularly scheduled planning group meeting.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** at 6:33pm by Chair, Brian Sesko

**Present:** Seat 1-John Neumeister; Seat 2-Brian Sesko; Seat 4-Mike Anderson; Seat 7-Sarai Johnson; Seat 11-Thomas Martin; Seat 12-Steve Robak; Seat 13-Lisa Anderson; Seat 14-Julie Bugbee; Seat 15-Tiffany Maples.

**Quorum:** reached with 9 present.

**Absent:** Seat 6-Josef Kufa, Seat 8-Nathan Thompson; Seat 9-Marty Barnard; Seat 10-Milton Cyphert.

**Vacancies:** Seat 3-Vacant; Seat 5-Vacant.

**Public present:** About 45 persons from the public were present.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** led by Steve Robak.

**3. MEETING MINUTES:** for April and May meetings were not voted upon.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Notice of audio recording:** Notification is hereby provided that the LCPG meeting may be audio recorded for purposes of preparation of the meeting minutes.

**NOTE:** Items 6B and 6C were pulled from the agenda. The public was notified in case anyone came to discuss these items.

**B. Open Forum / Public Communication:**

1. Todd Owens stated that the next Clean Up Lakeside, one street at a time, event will be next Saturday, June 16 from 8-10am. Meet at Planet Fitness on Woodside.

2. Brad Russell, a homeless outreach worker, stated that there is a big problem with homeless in Lakeside. He is available on the 1st Monday of every month at the library.

3. Janice Shackelford asked if a special meeting for the El Monte Nature Preserve Project has been scheduled. Brian Sesko answered that the July 18 special meeting has been delayed.

Heather Steven is the project manager at the County and can be contacted at 858-495-5802.

## 5. COUNTY PRESENTATIONS

**A. County Sheriff presentation on homelessness.** Lt. Fran Passalacqua, Monica and Deputy Lauder milk (sp?) from the crime special team in Lakeside, shared information about local homeless issues. One of the problems is that AB109 and Prop 57 downgraded criminal activity to misdemeanors. Many of the homeless are a result of the prisoner release that happened a few years ago. Drug issues are an extensive problem in Lakeside and El Cajon. Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) rides with the Sheriff's team biweekly and offers ways that they can get off the streets. Some people are fine with being homeless and not having to abide by rules or get a job and want to continue with their addiction. Lakeside station works with Santee and Alpine stations. There are only three teams that work with homeless and they can pass out pamphlets to the homeless and give information about services that are available. Public must call to let the Sheriff station know about the homeless crime issues in the community. Also call Crime Stoppers. Sometimes there are squatter's houses, with trash and feces, because it is private property the Sheriff's Department cannot do anything unless the owner calls. They can act on public property. A Citizens Arrest Form can be filled out for action on private property when the owner is not present. The program called REAP, is a zero tolerance program, where the sheriff gives a warning, passes out pamphlets and then can arrest individuals who choose not to follow advice and leave the property. A trespass order letter can be used when a person has been asked to leave a property and then returns.

**Community questions and comments:** *Q. What does it take to get homeless to stop criminal activity when arrested and out the next day?* A. The change in laws, reducing charges to misdemeanor and drug court is no longer mandatory, so criminals do not have the accountability like before. Being homeless is not a crime and often times homeless get released before the Sheriff's Department can finish filling out the required paperwork. The homeless then go back to where they came from. They are working with the District Attorney on building cases against chronic offenders. *Q. How can we get more restrictions on homeless crime locally?* A. Ordinances can be enacted by Cities and local jurisdictions that do not allow things like panhandling or camping. Often times, people gravitate to Lakeside because it is in the County and does not have the same restrictions as other Cities. *Q. Can the County adopt ordinances to help property owners?* A. They are working with Dianne Jacob to adopt ordinances that other Counties have adopted. *Q. How to get relatives off private property?* A. Restraining orders can be issued for removal of family members. *Q. Regarding the mentally ill, how do you get them off the street?* A. If they are violent, they can be put on a 72 hour psychiatric hold. The doctor can then determine if the person needs more help. Follow up is difficult because individuals usually do not have transportation. Since mental illness is not a crime, the destitution must be extreme to qualify for services. *Q. Can an advocate be assigned to mentally ill persons?* A. APS can intervene if persons are not able to take care of themselves. *Q. PERT is really busy, do you have a team assigned to Lakeside station.* A. Lakeside has two teams and if they do not have a team available they can borrow one from Santee or Alpine. *Q. How do owners of property in the riverbed keep people from trashing their property?* A. Private property owners can work with the County to schedule removal and clean ups. *Q. Robin Reardon representing herself; they had 25 active camps and have been taking homeless out of the riverbed. Every time they move the camps, their mental health deteriorates. They had a massive effort to pull trash out of the area. Homeless were back in a few days. The cost for property owners is extreme and the problem is not being solved. Property owners are now being fined for trash and human feces in the riverbed areas. What percentage of the population is homeless and what percentage of local crime is homeless related?* A. Including couch surfers there are semi-homeless that contribute to the

crime problem. They usually are involved in petty crimes that do not attract more attention. The majority of crimes are trespassing and petty crimes. *Q. The financial devastation to property owners to put up fencing and remove tons of trash is a crime.* A. Agreed, but determining whose feces and trash is a problem for prosecution. *Q. About the trespassing letter, can businesses request a letter or just the owner?* A. Renters can ask for a letter. *Q. May we have a special meeting on homeless issues?* A. Brian Sesko stated that the Q & A time needs to wrap up because of time, we ran out of time for board questions, but that we can invite the Sheriff's representatives to come back and meet with us.

## **6. PUBLIC HEARING / ACTION ITEMS**

**A. PDS2018-STP18-014** – Request for a discretionary permit for ATT Small cell project. Adjacent to 340 Hart Drive, El Cajon. Tim Groves presented the project and answered questions from the board regarding if there is a master plan for all the small cell sites, how many more of these small cell towers are planned for the area and whether various companies can share poles. Sites are calculated based on the location of the large towers, more small nodes will be determined by use in the area and companies can share poles but it is rare that they have the same location needs. Current regulations do not require the residents to be notified. No one from the public commented.

**MOTION:** to approve small cell tower near 340 Hart Drive, El Cajon  
by Steve Robak, seconded by Mike Anderson.

**VOTE:** Aye: 9 Naye: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 4

**B. PDS2018-TM-5628** – Tentative map and rezone – 1118 N Anza Street, El Cajon  
Withdrawn from the agenda.

**C. PDS2016-TPM-21238** – Proposed 4-parcel split – West Hill Terrace, Lakeside  
Withdrawn from the agenda.

### **D. Discussion Item – Proposed Senior Apartments – 12045/12047 Royal Road, Lakeside.**

Jay Pulver, owner of the property, presented that they would like to develop a 12 unit, senior citizen and low income multifamily project on two lots. The site is accessed by a private road. Each lot is 8,100 sq ft. The code allows for 45 units per acre, the maximum being 16 units for their property and they are proposing 12 units. The neighborhood is comprised of single and multifamily residences.

**Public comment:** Janice Shackelford asked about the number of units and zoning requirements. Brian Sesko explained that the County is asking property owners to come before the LCPG early in the process so we do not know all the requirements yet.

**Board comments:** John Neumeister clarified that the 12 units were for two lots and asked how many parking spaces were required. Proponent said 1.5 or 2 parking spaces per unit, depending what the code requires. Sarai Johnson asked that when they come back to be sure and address the drainage issues and requirements. She asked that the units be stepped, with one story near the street and two stories in the back, to mirror other complexes on the street. She also recommended planting trees and landscaping as a benefit to the neighborhood character. Proponent explained

that the 120 unit property behind them was required to put in a huge culvert for drainage. Brian Sesko commented that low cost housing provided benefits to the property owner such as lower parking requirements. Steve Robak suggested that they provide the higher requirement for parking in case the status of the project changes in the future. Proponent stated that they would like to provide adequate parking.

## **7. GROUP BUSINESS**

**A. There will be no July 4 meeting in observance of the holiday.** Propose that we have a general meeting on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 in lieu of the special meeting for El Monte Preserve that was continued.

**MOTION:** to schedule a general meeting on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 6:30pm.  
by Steve Robak and seconded by Lisa Anderson.

**VOTE:** Aye: 8 Naye: 0 Abstain: 1 Tiffany Maples Absent: 4

**B. Reminder to board members that need to fulfill their CPG Requirements.**

**C. Scott Alvey lives in Blossom Valley and would like to get involved with the community and serve on the LCPG.** Was CEO of East County Chamber, is Land Use council in San Diego, and previously an appointed Councilmember in the City of Chula Vista. Usually pro development but will stand up to development that is not good for the environment.

Sarai Johnson asked Scott if he read the general plan, community plan, and asked what his vision is for the community. Scott answered that he has not read the documents yet but would apply the plan and listen to the community.

**MOTION:** to approve application of Scott Alvey for the Lakeside CPG  
by Mike Anderson and seconded by Steve Robak to

**VOTE:** Aye: 9 Naye: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 4

**D. Blossom Valley update,** Brian Sesko heard that the developer who was pursuing a mobile home park in Blossom Valley has cancelled escrow and is no longer pursuing the project.

## **8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Design Review Board (DRB) (Julie/Brian):** Albertsons sign had a minor change and added a Starbucks logo.

**B. County Service Area 69 (CSA 69) (Tom Martin):** The quarterly meeting was held on May 10. The flu level has dropped from level 2 to level 1. There is a medication shortage of morphine, they have been using Fentanyl and Tylenol on emergency service vehicles. Mass casualty training will be on July 11 and 12. County hired two new paramedics and secured a vehicle that is being outfitted. The budget is being approved and they are looking for funding to acquire a new ambulance for the 5th paramedic unit.

**C. Trails (Marty Barnard):** absent

**D. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) (Brian Sesko):** Contacted the County and they need clear direction from the board about what projects the community wants. Brian asked for an updated list and has not received it yet.

**E. Plan Lakeside Development Opportunities (PLDO) (Steve Robak):** Willing to take on the PLDO but needs information on how to start. Suggested emailing the person who sent out the recent PLDO email that was addressed to Brian and ask for more information.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:** at 8:07 p.m. by Chair, Brian Sesko

**Note: The next regular meeting of the Lakeside Community Planning Group will be on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Community Center, 9841 Vine Street, Lakeside, CA 92040.**

Minutes prepared by Sarai Johnson, Secretary, Lakeside Community Planning Group.

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